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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I support bringing the Microsoft antitrust case to a conclusion. Accordingly, I submit the following comments for your review.

The terms of the settlement agreement are more than fair. Microsoft will be making it much easier for its competitors to compete. For example, Microsoft will design future versions of Windows with mechanisms to make it easier for consumers to install non-Microsoft software on their computers. Microsoft has also agreed to not to take action against computer manufacturers who promote non-Microsoft software, and has agreed not to enforce rights it may have to go after those who infringe on Microsoft's intellectual property rights.

These types of concessions exceed what should be expected of Microsoft. Please see to it that this settlement is approved in an expedient manner. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fred Pane